

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title as it appears on the first page of the specification and in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's records, as follows:

--FLAT LAMP WITH SLEEVES SUPPORTING ELECTRODES--

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 9, as follows:

--~~A detailed description is given in the following embodiments with reference to the accompanying drawings.~~ Further scope of the applicability of the present invention will become apparent from the detailed description given hereinafter. However, it should be understood that the detailed description and specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention, are given by way of illustration only, since various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from this detailed description.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 12, as follows:

--~~The present invention can be~~ will become more fully understood ~~by reading from the subsequent detailed description and examples with references made to the accompanying drawings, which are given by way of illustration only, and thus are not limitative of the present invention, and wherein:~~--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15, as follows:

--As shown in Fig.4, when the electrode 206 is fixed by the rear glass sleeve 208, the end surface 2061 of the electrode 206 and the inner surface 2081 of the rear glass sleeve 208 are spaced apart. The ~~elongating~~ elongation of the electrode 206 due to heating is less than the sum of the linear expansion of the rear glass sleeve 208 and the distance there between. When the electrodes 206, 207 elongate due to heating, the rupture of the glass plates and sidewalls is, however, prevented by the spacing.--